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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>	
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/EP00/04621

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
 pages _____ 1-40 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____ 1-10 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
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- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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PCT/EP 00/04621V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The following document is regarded as relevant:

D1: DE-A-43 10 413

The present application concerns a coating material which contains a binding agent, a cross-linking agent, a urea-based thixotropic agent and, as an essential element, a wetting agent which improves the wettability of the thixotropic agent (Claims 1-7), a method for the production of the coating material (Claim 8), the use of the coating material for the production of brilliant clear varnish (Claim 9) and a method for producing a two-layer covering varnish by using the above-mentioned coating material as the clear varnish layer (Claim 10).

Novelty (PCT Article 33(2))

D1 concerns a coating material containing a polyacrylate binding agent, a urea-based thixotropic agent and, optionally, a cross-linking agent (Claim 1 in combination with page 4, lines 17-18).

A wetting agent is not mentioned. The claimed subject matter is therefore novel.

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Inventive step (PCT Article 33(3))

The closest prior art is D1.

Examples 1 and 2 and comparative examples 1 and 2 of the present application show improved flow characteristics of a varnish formulation with the coating material according to the invention containing a wetting agent when compared with a corresponding formulation representing the prior art according to D1 without a wetting agent (Tables 1-3 and page 40, point 11). The available prior art does not contain any information that would suggest to the person skilled in the art to add a wetting agent to the coating material according to D1 to obtain the effect shown in the application.

The invention therefore is also considered inventive.